



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 3/28/2017

Time: 10:29 a.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: 265 Southard Drive

Zone: 2

Precinct: 13

Incident Report #: 170251788

Cruiser District: 133

Victim: Joseph McDowell

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 81

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Ricky Skinner

Address: 265 Southard Drive

☐ Arrested

☒ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 42

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at approximately 10:29 a.m. CPD Officers and Medics were dispatched to 265 Southard Drive on a report of a male who was "on fire". Officers and medics arrived and found a male white victim, as well as a female white victim in front of the residence, who were suffering from severe burns on a significant portion of their bodies. Both victims were transported to O.S.U. Main E.R., by C.F.D. Medic's #3 & #22, with life threatening injuries. Officers and fire personnel also found a building located in the rear of the main residence fully engulfed in flames. As officers and fire personnel were checking the main residence, for any other victims, they found a male white subject, who was deceased and the probable victim of a homicide, which is not related to the fire. We are not releasing the names of the homicide victim and/or the victims of the fire, pending notification of their next of kin. The investigation continues.

This is the 29th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2017. Detective Melissa Carlson #1329 is assisting with this investigation.

Anyone with any additional information on this incident is encouraged to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at 645-4730 or Crime Stoppers at 645-TIPS (8477).

UPDATE:

Rickey Lee Skinner (CPD I.D. #14044B) has been charged with Murder as a result of this incident. Mr. Skinner is still recovering in the hospital but will be arrested when he is medically cleared.

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